## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

LEROY WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

No. C09-5806 RJB/KLS

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

DR. STEINWEINDER,

Defendants.

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's proposed civil rights complaint. Dkt. 1. To file a complaint and initiate legal proceedings, a plaintiff must pay a filing fee of \$350.00 or file a proper application to proceed in forma pauperis.

On December 28, 2009, Plaintiff filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis and a proposed civil rights complaint. Dkt. 1. On January 7, 2010, the Clerk sent a letter to Plaintiff advising him that he must submit an updated trust account statement showing transactions for the past six months. Dkt. 2. Plaintiff has not responded to the Clerk's letter or submitted an updated trust account statement to support his application to proceed in forma pauperis.

The court may permit indigent litigants to proceed in forma pauperis upon completion of a proper affidavit of indigency. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). However, the court has broad

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discretion in denying an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598 (9th Cir. 1963), cert. denied, 375 U.S. 845 (1963).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2):

A prisoner seeking to bring a civil action or appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding without prepayment of fees or security therefor . . . shall submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint or notice of appeal, obtained from the appropriate official of each prison at which the prisoner is or was confined.

By letter dated January 7, 2010, the Court Clerk advised Mr. Williams that he was required to submit a trust account statement reflecting balances for the six months preceding the filing of his application, and that he should do so on or before February 8, 2010. Dkt. 2. Mr. Williams has not submitted an updated trust account statement.

## Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

- (1) Plaintiff shall submit a copy of his prison trust account statement showing the balance and activity of his account for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of his petition **on or before March 26, 2010.** Alternatively, Plaintiff shall pay the full \$350.00 filing fee required to proceed with this action on or before **March 26, 2010**.
- (2) Failure to cure these deficiencies by the above date shall be deemed a failure to properly prosecute this matter and the Court will recommend dismissal of this matter.
  - (3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

**DATED** this <u>3rd</u> day of March, 2010.

Karen L. Strombom

United States Magistrate Judge